

## THE CRISIS IN NEW YORK

Who's Who, Higgins Or Odell, Will Be Settled Within The Next Twelve Hours At The State Capital.

### HOT FIGHT OVER THE SPEAKERSHIP

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 2.—The fight for the Speakership of the Assembly, on which hinges the continuance of former Governor Odell's power in the New York State, will be decided within twelve hours. The contest has assumed a three-cornered fight by the injection of J. Mayhew Wainwright, of Westchester, into the fight, at a conference of assemblymen at the Gilsey House yesterday. Edwin A. Merritt, or Governor Odell's candidate, claims that there has been no compromise thought of and James W. Wadsworth, Junior, Governor Higgins' candidate, declares that he has personal pledges enough to elect him.

The scene of the final struggle is the Hotel Teneyck. There Chairman Odell has gathered about him nearly all the local leaders in the State, who are still true to him. Opposed to this array of the shrewdest political talent are George W. Aldridge, of Monroe, and N. V. V. Franchot, Governor Higgins' personal friends. Summons were sent out this morning to many local leaders, themselves known to favor the Wadsworth canvass through their assemblyman are still unpledged.

When the opposing forces faced each other this morning the canal stories swerved into a peculiar turn for the Merritt men announced that they would battle for a secret ballot in the caucus and Wadsworth generals declared that they would demand a viva voce vote.

Merritt claims that on a secret ballot he would be elected. Some timid assemblymen fearful of the Governor's displeasure, he says, would not dare to vote against the Higgins candidate openly, but would knife him if the ballot were undisclosed. Wadsworth says the viva voce vote is a caucus custom and will be fought for to the last ditch.

So it is generally believed that the test vote of the caucus will be taken upon the form of ballot and that the result of the remarkable contest will become known when it is found which system is to be used.

"I came to Albany as an American citizen to do as I please," was State Chairman Odell's announcement today.

"I will stay until the last armed foe expires. Merritt will be next wielder of the Speaker's gavel. About compromises, I have nothing to say."

"Wadsworth has already seventy votes pledged to him," was the retort of the Livingston county man's adherents. "The caucus vote will show that his total is nearer a hundred than seventy. Not a single man who is pledged to him has backed down. He will be elected Speaker."

Hard on top of this statement came one from Mr. Franchot who declared that Odell men were buying up assemblymen.

### GAS COMPANY

AT THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS, IN CASE BEFORE SUPREME COURT.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—In the case of the Peoria Gas Company vs. The City of Peoria, Illinois, the Supreme Court of the United States held today that the ordinance fixing the rate of gas for the city shall not have binding effect as it was shown to be an unreasonable and unremunerative rate. The Supreme Court held that in the allegation of the city that the gas company had agreed on a rate to be fixed with a competitor in business, the duration or scope of such alleged agreement had not been shown, and that the decree against the gas company should therefore be reversed and the case remanded for further examination relative to the alleged agreement.

Mr. and Mrs. Curt Frum, who were the guests of Mrs. Frum's father, Mr. Robt. Watson, during the holidays, have returned to Wheeling.

### THE WEATHER.

Rain To-morrow.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Forecast for West Virginia—Partly cloudy and warmer to-night; Wednesday, clear and warmer.

## MR. McCALL GIVES CHECK FOR \$235,000

AMOUNT ADVANCED TO ANDREW HAMILTON AND NOT PROPERLY ACCOUNTED FOR.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Alexander E. Orr, head of the Rapid Transit Commission, will probably succeed John A. McCall in the presidency of the New York Life. It was learned today that Mr. McCall has turned over to the company a check for \$235,000, covering moneys that Andrew Hamilton received in 1904 and which are unaccounted for in detail. The board of trustees meets tomorrow to act on Mr. McCall's resignation.

A misunderstanding of a statement made it appear that the board of trustees had acted on Mr. McCall's resignation on Saturday. Corrected information develops that the resignation was prepared on Saturday and will be presented to the trustees tomorrow.

### OPERATORS ANSWER MINERS.

Letter Forwarded Unopened to President Mitchell.

WILSBARRE, Pa., Jan. 2.—An answer from the anthracite coal operators to the request of the officers of the United Mine Workers of America for a conference is stated to have been received by Secretary John P. Gallagher of the miners' committee.

Mr. Gallagher immediately placed the letter unopened into another envelope and forwarded it to President John Mitchell, who is at his home in Illinois. The contents of the letter are believed to be favorable.

## 8 HOUR DAY

IS THE HOPE AND ENCOURAGING REPORTS COMING IN.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 2.—"We are not far into this game to make any definite predictions, but encouraging reports are coming from all parts of the country," said President James A. Lynch, of the International Typographical Union, this afternoon, in regard to the big strike for an eight hour day. Lynch added that the real condition will not be known for day or two or until reports to headquarters here are fairly complete. There are about six hundred union towns and cities in the United States and Canada and the latest reports show that in over 350 of these an agreement has been reached for the eight hour day. The following telegram was received at headquarters this morning: Oakland, Cal., by the unanimous vote the California State Federation of Labor in convention assembled extends greetings to the International Typographical Union and wishes it complete success in inaugurating the eight hour work-day."

### STATE DEPARTMENT

Hears of a Revolution Against the Government of Ecuador.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The State Department is informed of a revolution against the government of Ecuador, which has developed in the city of Guayaquil. The dispatch states that the troops and police of that city have joined the revolutionists under Colonel Teran.

## YOUNG MAN DIED ON HIS DEAD SWEET-HEART'S BOSOM

CALEDONA, Mich., Jan. 2.—Because her parents objected to his suit, New Syer, 23, student of dentistry at the University of Minnesota, this morning went to the home of Miss Pearl Wheaton, 23, his sweetheart, killed the girl, fatally wounded her mother and sister and then fatally shot himself.

F. N. Wheaton, one of the richest farmers in this county, forbade Syer to come into the house. Syer sought admittance and was refused. He broke

## HORRIBLE MURDER AND SUICIDE

AWFUL TRAGEDY AT A LONELY FARM HOUSE DISCOVERED YESTERDAY MORNING.

ERIE, Pa., Jan. 2.—A horrible murder and suicide was discovered New Year's morning at the lonely farm house of two old ladies, Eliza and Debby Mausel, between East and West Springfield, this county, when the brother, Scott Mausel, returned after spending Sunday with a friend a few miles away. Debby, the younger, was found in the woodshed with a bullet hole in her head, while the older sister, Eliza, was found a ghastly sight on the kitchen floor with the top of her head blown clear off and a 44 calibre Winchester repeating rifle lying across her body. No cause is known for the double tragedy other than worry over the loss of their property through a law suit several years ago.

The two women, aged nearly eighty each, have been living in their home alone for years. Their brother, Scott Mausel, also well along in years, arrived from his home in Macdonald, Michigan, about a week ago to spend the holidays with them.

County Detective Watson, who investigated the shooting, believes that Eliza had first killed her sister Debby as she was attempting to get away and she had then gone into the kitchen and taking the rifle had laid the butt on the floor with the muzzle to her eye or forehead; and with a stick had pushed the trigger down, which sent the death dealing ball into her head, shattering her brain. The coroner's jury last night returned a verdict of murder and suicide.

## COLD

WEATHER WILL SOON BE HERE.

IMMENSE CROWDS ARE COMING HERE TO PREPARE FOR WINTER.

The Brown Bros. Sale and Auction Co. certainly are drawing the people to the Union Clothing House Fairmont for whom they are conducting a sale that appeals to the buying public. They are selling suits, overcoats, shoes, hats, etc., at almost your own price. Brown Bros. Auction Co. has full charge of the store.

They have remarked everything in the house and are now selling high grade \$8.00 suits for \$4.65, \$3.00, \$3.50, and \$4.00 shoes in the newest lasts. Come in. Hess, Monarch, Hats, and other well known makes for \$1.98.

Judging by the large crowds that have attended this sale in the past few days it shows the bargains you obtain in all kinds of men's wearing apparel.

\$12 and \$15 overcoats in Kersey's, Meltons and Bayers in the newest styles go for \$8.75, \$15.00 and \$16.50 suits for \$9.88. The bargains are to many to tell you of them.

Come and look around and you will be surprised to see the money you save.

Brown Bros. Sale and Auction Co. for the Union Clothing House, 2 doors below Postoffice, Fairmont.

### Wanted a Warrant.

A Miss or Mrs. Dunning, colored, attempted to get a warrant this morning for James Tylor, also colored, for cursing or abusing her. She was directed to the mayor's office but had not reached there late this afternoon.

## RIVER BUSINESS FOR 1905

Statistics Showing The Amount Of Tonnage On The Monongahela For Eleven Months Of Last Year.

### WHAT WAS DONE AT LOCK 15

## INTO W. VA.

WAYNESBURG AND WASHINGTON RAILROAD SAID TO BE HEAD-ED THIS WAY.

WASHINGTON, Pa., Jan. 2.—The announcement was made here yesterday that the Waynesburg and Washington narrow gauge road between here and the Greene county capital is to be standardized and an addition built southward to Dotyburg and eventually to West Virginia. Surveys for the new extension have been completed. The determination to make the line of standard width is said to have been arrived at as a result of the announcement that another road was to be constructed on the old Wabash survey from Washington through Greene county.

## FAIRMONT YARD

MADE NICE SHOWING FOR DECEMBER AS REPORTED BY YARDMASTER RIGGS.

Below is given the switching statement of the Fairmont yard for December as made by Yardmaster W. R. Riggs to Superintendent Williams at Grafton:

Received from Wheeling division, East, 4,283 loads, 8,534 empties; delivered to Wheeling division, East, 8,793 loads, 1,129 empties.

Received from Wheeling division, West, 3,677 loads, 5,726 empties; delivered to Wheeling division, West, 4,295 loads, 3,447 empties.

Received from F. M. & P. division, 3,492 loads, 611 empties; delivered to F. M. & P. division, 1,092 loads, 4,296 empties.

Received from M. R. branch, 7,809 loads, 591 empties; delivered to M. R. branch, 1,133 loads, 847 empties. Received from Pawpaw branch, 383 loads, 62 empties; delivered to Pawpaw branch, 179 loads, 357 empties making a total number of 35,205 loads and 34,740 empties.

Total number of cars weighed, 11,719.

Total number hours Yard Engine Service in handling above business, 5,699.

536 hours to be deducted for one engine continuous service switching on shop track and handling shop cars and company material. 231 hours for switching and handling passenger trains, and 56 hours to be deducted for switching for Clement Contracting Co.

## FINE START

HAS BEEN MADE AT LOCAL TICKET OFFICE FOR BIG RAILROAD BUSINESS THIS MONTH.

The West Virginian's assertion a few days prior to Christmas that passenger traffic was heavier at that time than at any previous Christmas, is substantiated by the report sent in to the main offices in Baltimore.

From an authentic source it is learned that the receipts for the December just past exceeded the same month in 1904 by nearly \$4,000.00. In fact the local office does in the neighborhood of \$17,000.00 monthly. The month of January promises to exceed them all judging by the way it is starting off.

Yesterday's business was excellent, no fewer than sixteen mileage books being sold at the local depot. The local ticket agents have very few spare or idle moments and the volume of business they transact is not in keeping with the remuneration they receive. "Why, the men here now get but \$12.50 more than the men in the same positions ten years ago," said a former ticket agent today.

### An Umbrella Tangle.

Mrs. C. F. Reed is endeavoring to straighten out the umbrella tangle that occurred at her "At Home" last Thursday. The ladies who lost their rightful ones will oblige Mrs. Reed by communicating with her at once.

Try a West Virginian want ad.

According to the government method of calculation the tonnage of the Monongahela river in 1905 for the first 11 months was 3,917,925 tons, breaking all previous records, and comparing favorably with 1,946,943 tons, the calculation for 1904. Iron and steel products passing lock No. 1 represent practically the output of the river. This was 42,334 tons.

Coal passing down stream through lock No. 1 plus 466,000 tons, the amount mined by the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke Company in pools Nos. 1 and 2, makes a total tonnage of 8,417,820 tons of coal, compared with 6,771,501 tons in 1904. Of other down stream tonnage other than coal and iron the amount passing lock No. 1 down stream represents the general aggregate of the river.

Tonnage passing up stream through lock No. 1 is considered the general average of the river. This amounts to 1,065,669 tons. The Monongahela Coal Company actually mined in the first and second pools 812,000 tons of coal, but of this 556,000 tons were shipped out by rail and the amount is not included in the river tonnage for the 11 months of the year.

No further up stream extension of traffic was made during the year, but costly improvements in locks to increase their capacity was under way in charge of the United States Government. During December a considerable tonnage of coal was sent out because of favorable freshets, but of this the government will have no record for some time.

The following tabulations show the amount of business handled at No. 15 lock at Hault:

Upstream	No.
Lockages	567
Steamboats	451
Coalboats, barges, flats	54
Rafts	5
Other craft	131
Tons.	
Bituminous coal	1
iron and steel products	13
Building stone	563
Timber	11
Lumber	62
Pit posts	3
General merchandise	344
Live stock	13
Total, 11 months	1,015

Downstream	No.
Lockages	528
Steamboats	421
Coalboats, barges, flats	53
Rafts	4
Other craft	119
Tons.	
Steel rails	5
Other steel and iron	11
Sand	276
Building stone	15
Brick	8
Lumber	57
Gen'l merchandise	665
Farm, dairy and orchard	3
Live stock	7
Total, 11 months	1,033

### LOCKUP QUARANTINED.

Prisoners All Released Except One, Who Has Black Diphtheria.

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., Jan. 2.—The Connelville borough lockup was placed under quarantine by Health Officer Allen Hyatt yesterday and the police force received instructions not to place any prisoners in it until further orders.

The quarantine order was issued after physicians discovered that one inmate, James Carley, of Ohio, had diphtheria in its worst form. Four other prisoners who were serving sentences were released.

### W. E. CORDRAY

Was Today Re-elected President of the County Court.

At a meeting of the members of the County Court this afternoon, Mr. W. E. Cordray was re-elected president of the court.

L. W. Beatty qualified as notary public.

Miss Bertha Stanley will leave tomorrow to resume her studies at Hatan College, Charleston.